Airports in Madhya Pradesh

†*50. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports under Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of ariports which are proposed to be upgraded to international level and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to provide air services from Madhya Pradesh to the Southern India, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Seven airports located at Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Khandwa, Panna and Satna and Civil Air Terminal at Gwalior Defence Airfield are under the maintenance of Airports Authority of India (AAI)

(b) Upgradation of airports is a continuous process depending upon traffic requirements, availability of land, resources etc. At present, various upgradation works have been initiated at Khajuraho, Bhopal and Indore airports.

(c) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transports services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including Southern region. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

World bank aid for water schemes

*51. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank propose to sanction 105 million dollar aid for water schemes in different States;

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